(a) whether the Inquiry Commission on the helicopter accident set up by government in August, 2003 to enquire into safety and security of lives in offshore operation especially air logistics and inspection, mechanism, has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by it; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Retrieval of articles belonging to Sikh Gurus

*19. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that articles belonging to Guru Nanak Dev and Guru Gobind Singh have been allegedly shifted to Canada; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to bring them back from Canada for preservation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Government have no information on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

Lack of activity in primary issues

*20. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bullish upward movement in the secondary market in the stock exchanges during the last six months in the secondary sector is not commensurate with the number of primary issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the relative lack of activity in primary issues which indicate domestic investment can be construed as reason for a 'feel good factor' of the economy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) No Sir. During the period of six months between April-October 2003 as compared to April—October 2002 there has been an increase of 100% in number of issues (from nine to eighteen) and an increase of 102.21% in the amount (from Rs. 1353.65 crores to Rs. 2737.24 crores).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Open Sky Policy for ASEAN countries

1. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's announcement of a unilateral 'Open-Sky Policy' for the 10 member-countries grouped under the ASEAN is to expedite greater economic integration of the Indian economy with one of the fastest growing regions of the world;

(b) if so, whether under this declaration, a number of countries like Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam will be allowed to operate daily flights to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai after entering into bilateral air-services talks with India; and

(c) if so, to what extent this proposal has been accepted and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The offer made by India to the member countries of ASEAN at ASEAN-India Summit at Bali recently allow the facility of daily services to the four metropolitan cities of New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and an unlimited number of flights to 18 tourist destinations in India. Requests received from the ASEAN countries within this offer would be considered without any further bilateral talks.